(d) Yes, Sir. AAI has initiated various short and long-terms action plans for replacement of the automation systems at Delhi and Mumbai airports.

Distribution of Deepawali Sweets

†2126. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tradition of distribution of sweet packets to those travelling by Indian Airlines and also to its employees on the day of Diwali existed every year;

(b) if so, the reasons for discontinuance of the above tradition this year;

(c) whether Indian Airlines would continue this tradition from the coming year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines distributes sweets to the passengers on-tbe Diwali Day. There is, however, no tradition of distribution of sweet packets to the employees.

(b) There is no discontinuation of this tradition. The sweets could not be distributed this year as the supplier expressed his inability to provide the supply in suitable packing at the last moment.

(c) and (d) Depending on resources, Indian Airlines would like to continue this tradition in future.

(e) Does not arise.

IPO by Indian Airlines and Air India

2127. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National carriers, Indian Airlines and Air India are preparing for an IPO in this fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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